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**November Crop Production**



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Estimates in this release reflect the crop conditions as of November 1, 2018. While damage assessments and harvest decisions after hurricanes Florence and Michael are still on going, NASS has revised cotton, peanut, and soybean harvested acres for several states. For Alabama, cotton harvested acreage is revised to 470,000 acres, a decrease of 35,000 acres and peanut harvested acreage is revised to 155,000 acres, a decrease of 8,000 acres. For Florida, cotton harvested acreage is revised to 80,000 acres, a decrease of 36,000 acres; peanut harvested acreage is revised to 130,000 acres, a decrease of 16,000 acres; and soybean harvested acres are revised to 14,000 acres, a decrease of 2,000 acres. For Georgia, cotton harvested acreage is revised to 1.35 million acres, a decrease of 70,000 acres; peanut harvested acreage is revised to 640,000, a decrease of 15,000 acres; and soybean harvested acres are revised to 130,000 acres, a decrease of 5,000 acres. For South Carolina, cotton harvested acreage is revised to 280,000 acres, a decrease of 10,000 acres. Any additional updates will be reflected in the *Crop Production 2018 Summary* to be released January 11, 2019.

Corn production in the United States is forecast at 14.6 billion bushels, up less than 1 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 178.9 bushels per acre. If realized, this will be the highest yield and second highest production on record for the United States. Soybean production is forecast at a record 4.60 billion bushels, up 4 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 18.4 million 480-pound bales, down 12 percent from last year.

### Key findings for the Southern Region from the November Crop Production report

**Alabama:** With yield forecast at a record high 176 bushels per acres, corn for grain production remains at 41.4 million bushels, up 5 percent from 2017. Cotton production is forecast at 880,000 bales, down 21 percent from last month, but up 9 percent from 2017. While yield is forecast at a record high 4,100 pounds per acre, peanut production, at 636 million pounds is down 5 percent from last month and down 10 percent from 2017. Soybean production is forecast at 14.7 million bushels, down 7 percent from 2017.

**Florida:** Cotton production is forecast at 125,000 bales, down 43 percent from last month and down 19 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 507 million pounds, down 17 percent from last month and down 21 percent from 2017. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 16.8 million tons, down 1 percent from 2017.

**Georgia:** Corn for grain production is forecast at 46.5 million bushels, up 8 percent from 2017. Cotton production is forecast at 1.95 million bales, down 33 percent from last month and down 15 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 2.82 billion pounds, down 4 percent from last month and down 21 percent from 2017's record high production. Soybean production is forecast at 4.29 million bushels, down 12 percent from last month and down 32 percent from 2017.

**South Carolina:** Corn for grain production remains at 37.5 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2017. Cotton production is forecast at 470,000 bales, down 3 percent from last month and down slightly from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 287 million pounds, down 39 percent from last year's record high production. Soybean production is forecast at 11.3 million bushels, down 24 percent from 2017.

**Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2017 and Forecasted November 1, 2018**

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018		2017	2018
						October 1	November 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn <sup>1</sup> .....(bushels)									
Alabama.....	250	250	235	235	167.0	176.0	176.0	39,245	41,360
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	75	100	37	60	161.0			5,957	
Georgia.....	290	325	245	275	176.0	170.0	169.0	43,120	46,475
South Carolina.....	350	340	325	310	136.0	121.0	121.0	44,200	37,510
United States .....	90,167	89,140	82,703	81,767	176.6	180.7	178.9	14,604,067	14,625,974
Cotton, all <sup>3</sup> ..... (bales)									
Alabama.....	435.0	510.0	430.0	470.0	902	1,065	899	808.0	880.0
Florida.....	99.0	118.0	98.0	80.0	759	910	750	155.0	125.0
Georgia.....	1,280.0	1,430.0	1,270.0	1,350.0	841	980	693	2,225.0	1,950.0
South Carolina.....	250.0	300.0	248.0	280.0	912	803	806	471.0	470.0
United States .....	12,612.5	14,042.0	11,100.4	10,374.4	905	901	852	20,922.5	18,408.0
Peanuts ..... (pounds)									
Alabama.....	195.0	165.0	193.0	155.0	3,650	4,100	4,100	704,450	635,500
Florida.....	195.0	155.0	185.0	130.0	3,450	4,200	3,900	638,250	507,000
Georgia.....	835.0	665.0	825.0	640.0	4,330	4,500	4,400	3,572,250	2,816,000
South Carolina.....	122.0	87.0	118.0	82.0	4,000	3,600	3,500	472,000	287,000
United States .....	1,871.6	1,426.5	1,775.6	1,345.5	4,007	4,167	4,066	7,115,410	5,471,250
Soybeans.....(bushels)									
Alabama.....	350	340	345	335	46.0	46.0	44.0	15,870	14,740
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	15	17	14	14	34.0			476	
Georgia.....	155	140	150	130	42.0	36.0	33.0	6,300	4,290
South Carolina.....	400	390	390	375	38.0	32.0	30.0	14,820	11,250
United States .....	90,142	89,145	89,522	88,343	49.3	53.1	52.1	4,410,673	4,599,530
Sugarcane <sup>4</sup> ..... (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	412.7	412.0	41.1	41.0	40.8	16,942	16,810
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	904.1	920.0	36.8	35.8	36.6	33,238	33,646

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

<sup>2</sup> Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2018 Summary*, released January 2019.

<sup>3</sup> Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

<sup>4</sup> For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, November 2018